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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING

RECOVERY OF NUCLEAR FUEL FROM A FUEL

POOL

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Response.

	Independent Claims	Total Claims
Claims Previously Paid For	5	34
Current Claims after Amendment	3	30
Excess Claims	0	0

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